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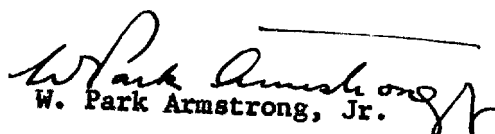
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Dear Allen:

You will recall that the National Security Council recently decided that the United States should insist on reimposition of the COCOM embargo on copper wire as a quid-pro-quo for an adjustment of the China controls. In the course of the discussions leading up to this decision, some confusion arose as to the estimated amounts of copper wire and copper in other forms being shipped from the Free World to the Bloc. Analysts from State Department and CIA are in agreement as to the best estimates of these shipments. The Department now desires that these estimates be coordinated with the Department of Defense.

We understand that in informal discussions between CIA and Defense, agreement by Defense with the State-CIA estimates has been indicated at the working level. However, representatives of the Joint Staff have requested formal coordination through the IAC mechanism. The Department would accordingly appreciate it if this could be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Sincerely,

  
W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles,  
Director of Central Intelligence,  
Washington.

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